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**ELECTION**

Sir:

This Election is submitted in response to the Election Requirement of August 24, 2004.

The applicants and the assignee hereby elect the species of the invention depicted in FIGS. 21-35. Claims 4-13 are believed to read on the elected species.

Early and favorable action on the claims 4-13 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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